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SUBJECT: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS -- EUROPEAN TRIP

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- 1. IN VIEW SECY'S POSSIBLE ARRIVAL LATE ON 7TH, RECOMMEND NO ARRIVAL STATEMENT. SIMILARLY, IF ARRIVAL EARLY ON 8TH, ANY STATEMENT WOULD BE ECLIPSED BY SUBSEQUENT ACTIVITIES DURING THAT DAY. WHATEVER HIS ARRIVAL TIME, HOWEVER, EXPECT THERE WOULD BE PHOTO AND TV COVERAGE, BUT WE WILL DISCOURAGE ANY COVERAGE BY MEDIA REPORTERS.
- 2. CAN ASSUME NOT ONLY PHOTO COVERAGE BUT ALSO PRESS AND TV REPORTERS WILL BE ON HAND WHEN SECY ARRIVES FOR HEALY-CALLAGHAN TALKS AT FOREIGN OFFICE, ALSO ON CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPARTURE FOR LUNCHEON WITH CALLAGHAN. PRESUMABLY,

PHOTOGRAPHERS AND REPORTERS WILL BE ON HAND WHEN SECY VISITS AND DEPARTS 10 DOWNING STREET FOR TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER.

- 3. RECOMMEND DEPARTURE STATEMENT BE GIVEN AT EMBASSY AUDITORIUM, WHICH MOST CONVENIENT FOR ALL CONCERNED, BOTH FOR TV CAMERA SET-UPS AND FOR REPORTERS TO ATTEND. SECY CAN THEN DEPART FOR AIRPORT WITH MINIMUM DELAY AND CAN BOARD AIRCRAFT WITHOUT DETOURS FOR STATEMENT AT AIRPORT PRESS ROOM
- 4. VARIOUS REQUESTS FOR INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS. MOST IMPORTANT WOULD BE JOINT 15-20 MINUTE BBC-TV AND THAMES TV SHOW WITH THEIR TOP-RANKING PERSONALITIES, PROBABLY MICHAEL CHARLTON FOR BBC AND ALISTAIR BURNETT OR ROBERT KEE FOR THAMES. THIS WOULD PROBABLY BE BROADCAST AT PRIME TIME MONDAY EVENING, WITH BBC PORTION EITHER ON PANORAMA OR 9 O'CLOCK NEWS AND THAMES ON ITN'S NEWS AT TEN. FOR RADIO, BBC WORLD SERVICE'S FORUM PROGRAM WOULD LIKE HALF-HOUR INTERVIEW BY GEOFFREY STERN, NOW PROFESSOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND FORMER KISSINGER COLLEAGUE.
- 5. SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ASKED FOR SECRETARY'S APPEARANCE AT FUNCTION TO BE ARRANGED AT HIS CONVENIENCE. BECAUSE OF SHORTNESS OF TIME THESE WOULD HAVE TO BE TEA OR DRINKS PARTIES. FOREMOST IS FOREIGN AFFAIRS CLUB AT WHICH FORMER FOREIGN SECRETARY SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME WOULD BE CHAIRMAN AND AT WHICH SECRETARY WOULD BE EXPECTED MAKE BRIEF, OFF-THE-RECORD REMARKS. OTHER IS FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION FOR DRINKS AT WHICH SOME KIND OF Q. & A. ENCOUNTER WOULD BE INEVITABLE, EITHER FROM PLATFORM OR DURING ROUND-THE-FLOOR CIRCULATION. IF EITHER OF THESE COULD BE FITTED INTO SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE, WE RECOMMEND FORMER.
- 6. PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR STOPOVER, AS OUTLINED IN 129999, WILL BE SAME AS THOSE PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED HERE, WITH PRESS ROOM AT CLARIDGE'S AND COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES THROUGH CORRESPONDENTS LONDON BUREAUS. RCA CONFIDENTIAL

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SALES REP WILL BE AVAILABLE AT PRESS ROOM TO HANDLE WIRE COPY AS NEEDED.

7. IN VIEW WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN MRS. KISSINGER, ESPECIALLY AMONG POPULAR PRESS, WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION SOONEST ON WHETHER SHE WILL BE ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY AND GUIDANCE AS TO HER INTERESTS AND WISHES ON MEDIA EXPOSURE.

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